

CAUGHT ON BRIDGE BY EXPRESS ST. THOMAS WOMAN CUT TO BITS

Wanders on to Structure While Mentally Unbalanced and Is Run Down and Instantly Killed by a Michigan Central Flyer.

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, April 14.—Mrs. Mapson, a boarding-house keeper, was instantly killed this morning about 6:15 through being struck by a fast M. C. express on the bridge, west of the station. It is not known just how she appeared to be there, but the woman had been suffering greatly from mental depression of late, due to financial trouble, and it is supposed that she wandered on the bridge when in this condition.

The train was travelling rapidly at the time of the accident, and the body was cut to pieces, death being instantaneous. The dead woman had kept a boarding-house in the west end of the city for thirteen years, having formerly kept a hotel at Belmont. She leaves no family, but has relatives at Aylmer and Belmont. She was 65 years of age, and carried a life insurance policy for \$500.



JUSTICE MIDDLETON,
Recently Appointed to the Ontario High Court.

DRAYMEN WAR ON ALD. TANCOCK

Chairman of Board of Works Orders All of Them to Keep the Stand Clean.

IT MAY BE MOVED ON

Deputation Will Tonight Wait on No. 3 Committee to Ascertain Who Is Running the City of London.

The draymen are again agitated. It will be remembered that the question of the removal of the dray-stand from York street caused many a heated debate last year, and it was thought the matter was settled for a few years at least.

This morning Ald. Tancock, chairman of the board of works, ordered the men to provide themselves with brooms, and keep the street clean, or they would be sent somewhere else. This, of course, riled the draymen, and they are now after the scalp of the chairman of No. 2 committee.

Look Out for War. Tonight they will muster full force at the meeting, and will ask some pointed questions.

For instance, they will want information as to who runs the city. Mayor Beattie and others have been interviewed on the subject, and their support has been solicited against Ald. Tancock.

The latter, however, will give an account of himself on the question, and will insist that unless the draymen keep the street as it should be kept, they will have to be moved on.

C. P. R. IS CONSTRUCTING NEW SIDINGS IN DISTRICT

No Word as Yet Regarding Improvements in London.

Superintendent McNeill, of the C. P. R., stated to The Advertiser today that the spring construction work has commenced on the road, and that a number of sidings will be built here in London and Windsor to facilitate the ever-increasing traffic. A new siding is being constructed at Hyde Park.

Mr. McNeill stated that so far no word whatever has been received regarding improvements in the local yards and at the roundhouse.

ASQUITH AND IRISH HAVE ARRANGEMENT

Redmonites Will Support Government's Plan to First Dispose of Budget.

[Associated Press Cable.] London, April 14.—Premier Asquith's resolution, to be proposed next Monday, allocating the time for the consideration of the budget, provides that all stages of the legislation must be completed by the end of the month.

The fate of the Government depends upon the attitude of the Irish members. The fact that the Premier has decided to dispose of the budget measures before a decision by the Lords on the veto resolutions will have assumed a final form, indicates that a deal has been effected between the cabinet and the Redmonites, and that the latter have determined to support the budget.

POLICE ARE AFTER THE LOCAL WHEELMEN

A Number Will Appear in Court Charged With Riding on Walks.

A number of wheelmen who have been riding on the sidewalks lately will appear in the police court shortly. Police Court Clerk Moule has a big batch of informations laid, and the summonses will be issued at once. Many complaints have been made regarding close calls that pedestrians have had of being run down by reckless riders, and Magistrate Love states that he intends making an example of all who come before him. He has it in mind to raise the fine from \$1 to \$2, believing this may be a more effective way of preventing the breaking of the bylaw.

ALASKAN GOLD. Seattle, April 14.—The first estimate received here of the spring gold clean-up in the neighborhood of Fairbanks, Alaska, is \$9,000,000.

DR. M'CULLOCH EXPLAINS PLANS LONDON HEALTH ASSOCIATION

How it Proposes to Combat the White Plague in This City—Says Incurables Are Well Provided for at Victoria Hospital.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: An interesting item in a recent issue of your paper calls attention to the sad plight of a woman suffering from incurable consumption. It is a good sign of the times that a disease which has been so long neglected should arouse so much sympathy from the citizens of London at the present time. Unfortunately your item contains some inaccurate statements which convey a false impression to interested readers. In correction of these let me state that in the Victoria Hospital the advanced consumptive patients have comfortable, clean and well-aired private and semi-private rooms, with abundant opportunity to move around in a large sun room, well supplied with fresh air. No cottage erected especially for this class of patients could afford any better accommodation, or any more successful means of treatment than that now afforded by the Victoria Hospital.

The scheme of the London Health Association for the treatment of tuberculosis is a comprehensive and complete one, modeled after that found most satisfactory in cities of England, Scotland and Germany, where the death rate of this disease has been reduced by about one-half.

A DOLLAR A YEAR AS SALARY FOR LONDON PUBLICITY AGENT

Ald. Richter Would Have No Objection to This Scheme, But Draws the Line on the Manufacturers' Committee Paying Any More Money for This Purpose.

The manufacturers' committee will endeavor to solve the problem of employing a publicity agent and paying his expenses and salary out of \$500 a year, at a meeting to be held on Friday afternoon.

It will be remembered that the finance committee allowed the committee \$500 for this work, and that is the amount the council will in all probability adhere to.

Ald. Fitzgerald, however, wants more money, and will insist on the appointment of a publicity agent. The man he has in mind, of course, is Mr. T. G. Boles, late secretary of the Citizens' Municipal League, on whose ticket Ald. Fitzgerald and the others were elected.

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JOHN PRODGER WAS REMOVED MISS FRANK UNABLE TO APPEAR

Mr. P. H. Bartlett Appeared for the Prisoner—Suspect Appears Tired, as If He Does Not Sleep at Night—Brothers Were With Him in Court This Morning.

John Prodger appeared before Magistrate Love at the police court this morning, charged with shooting Miss Elizabeth Frank, but as Miss Frank was not well enough to appear, the case was adjourned for a week. Prodger was represented by Mr. P. H. Bartlett, who, it is understood, is acting for him temporarily.

WATER PIPE IS THROUGH SEWER

Engineer Claims, However, That There Will Be No Evil Effects From This Fact.

CASE ON KING STREET

Agreement Reached by City Engineer Graydon and Engineer Moore of Waterworks Dept.

The big 20-inch water main, now being laid on Wellington street, will pass through the big sewer on King street, thus making the sewer smaller, and according to some people, affecting its value.

There seems to be little or no foundation for the statement that the city will suffer in any way from the change.

It is quite true that the water main will pass through the big sewer, but will reduce the top space somewhat, but the difference will be made up in changes to be made in the construction of the sewer.

Agreement Reached. City Engineer Graydon and Mr. John M. Moore, engineer of the waterworks, have had repeated consultations, and the whole system is being laid according to a plan.

"We have talked the matter over with Mr. Graydon, and we have evolved a plan to keep the sewer capacity the same, and not injure in any way the present system," said Mr. John M. Moore. "We laid the pipe on the grade most suitable to efficient service, and I think that there is absolutely no foundation for the worry line some people are doing over the prospect. We have made every arrangement to enlarge the sides of the sewer, and make it of equal capacity as the present sewer."

Pipe Tested. "I have also heard that the statement is made that the pipe has not been tested, but that is a mistake. Every inch of pipe we are laying has been thoroughly tested, and has passed the guarantee given. There is no need to worry, and no reason whatever for sensationalizing the matter."

"The sewer will be widened, and made of about the same capacity as before," said City Engineer Graydon. "I have worked out a plan with Mr. Moore, and there is no reason for any worry. The sewer will be well cared for, and there will be no poor condition of the sewer in the future. We have personally looked after this work, and it is satisfactory."

SEMI-ANNUAL MEET OF GRAND TRUNK

Chairman Says That Reasonably Conservative Policy Will Be Followed.

London, April 14.—A. W. Smithers made his first appearance as the chairman of the board of directors of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada at the semi-annual meeting today. Mr. Smithers took generally a rosy view of the future. The satisfactory reports for the half year past, he thought, marked the end of the effect of the financial storm of 1907.

Mr. Smithers said that the directors would continue the policy of reasonably conservative finance, which had enabled the company to rebuild the old line and raise on highly satisfactory terms the capital needed for the Grand Trunk's extension to the Pacific.

WASHINGTON WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, April 14.—Forecast: Eastern States and Northern New York fair tonight, warmer in the interior of southern portion; Friday, fair and warmer, light southerly winds; Western New York—Fair; warmer tonight; showers Friday or Friday night; moderate southerly winds.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—MILD. FORECASTS. Today—Fine and mild. Friday—Fresh or strong easterly to southerly winds; mild. TEMPERATURES.

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WEATHER NOTES. A marked depression covers the West and Northwest States. Elsewhere the pressure is generally high. The weather has been very fine here, except in the Western Provinces, where rain has occurred in many localities, more especially in Manitoba.

BOLD ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO STEAL VALUABLE DOGS

Police Are Trying to Find Out Name of Gentleman Who Impersonated the Dog-Catcher.

An unknown man made a daring attempt yesterday afternoon to steal two valuable imported English coach dogs from the home of P. C. Wallace Walker on Henry street.

Early in the afternoon, the stranger came to the house, and told Mrs. Walker, who answered the door, that he was Weaver, and that as Blackstock's assistant, he had come to take away the two dogs.

Mrs. Walker told him to go to the police station, and see about the matter.

The man tried to bluster and frighten her into giving up the dogs, but she resolutely refused, and finally the fellow went away.

P. C. Walker mentioned the matter to Blackstock and Weaver, and they both denied absolutely that they had been anywhere near the Walker home yesterday. The police are trying to locate the would-be thief.

CHARGE FRONTAGE TAX FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS

City Council Will Shortly Consider the Advisability of the Scheme.

Should all repairs to roadways and improvements be paid for by frontage tax? This is a question that the present council will take up, and a recommendation will probably be made on this subject.

Some of the aldermen point out that pavements are paid for by the property-owners, and not by the city. They want to know whether the principle cannot be carried further, and every property-owner compelled to pay by frontage tax for the road in front of his land. By this method he can save money in that he would not have to pay for a broken road, a gravel road, or any other kind of road, and have it laid according to his own ideas.

Incidentally, this would relieve the city of considerable expenditure each year for patching and the like. This question will be taken up shortly, and some sort of a recommendation will be made.

THIS MAN WORKED FOR ADAM HOPE

Firm Has Long Been Out of Existence in London.

Mr. Walter McBride and Miss McBride, of Nelson, B. C., are in the city after an absence of many years. Mr. McBride was employed many years ago with Adam Hope & Co., Carling street, and was one of the firm's best men. Later he heard the call of the west, and has been in that country for many years. He has been very successful in that country, and is now in the present time conducting a large hardware store in Nelson. He is enthusiastic, of course, over the west country, and predicts a great future for it. Mr. McBride notes many changes in London, and still considers a very warm spot in his heart for this city.

AEROPLANE TURNS TURTLE

German Military Engineers Dumped Into a Lake, But Are Rescued.

[Associated Press.] Plan, Germany, April 14. Major Von Parvess's new aeroplane, the largest yet constructed, and which carried this month underwent successful preliminary trials here, was caught in a violent and gusty wind today while flying over Lake Plan, turned turtle, and fell into the water. Engineers Blochmann and Hoff escaped uninjured. They dropped with the machine, but succeeded in freeing themselves from the wreckage, and were picked up by a passing craft.

Major Von Parvess's invention is a monoplane, with a four-cylinder motor of 120-horsepower. It carried 170 pounds of benzine, and was expected to remain in the air three hours. The breadth of the plane was 45½ feet, and the length of machine 45 feet, and was provided with wheels for a descent on land.

DIVORCE WAS INVALID. Windsor, Ont., April 14.—In a suit over the will of the late John Pickering, who was killed last spring, at Walkerville, County Judge McHugh today gave judgment that the widow's claim to a divorce in Michigan two years ago, but did not observe the Michigan laws relating to length of residence in Michigan, and still claiming was adjudged to be deceased's lawful widow.

NIAGARA POWER SUBSTATION SITE BOUGHT IN EAST LONDON

Building Will Be Located South of G. T. R. and East of Rectory Street at the Corner of Cabell Street and Kitchener Avenue—Lot 35 by 120 Feet.

The water commissioners have closed a deal for the purchase of a lot at the corner of Kitchener avenue and Cabell street for the erection of the East London Niagara power sub-station. For some time the commissioners have been engaged in securing a suitable site, and have at last succeeded. The size of the lot is 35 by 120 feet. Plans for the sub-station are being prepared by City Architect Nutter, and work will be commenced at once. The station will be 30 by 30 feet, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy before July 1.

OFFICIALS DON'T INSULT PEOPLE

Passengers Too Ready to Feel Insulted When Asked Civil Questions.

ONE MAN CIVES HIS VIEWS

May Be a Withdrawal of the United States Officers From Canadian Territory—Delay to Passengers Would Result.

Local railroad and customs officials state that as far as they have any knowledge the charges that United States immigration officials are insulting and rude to people going through, and particularly to ladies travelling alone, are without foundation. "Some people," said a railway official, "are ever ready to feel insulted when an official is merely doing his duty in trying to see that the laws are carried out. The official did not make the law, and he is paid to see that its provisions are carried out. If there is much more of this sort of talk unquestionably there will be a withdrawal of the United States officers from Canadian territory, and then there will be a wall from the travelling public when they are detained at the border for hours, and miss their trains, while their belongings are being examined, and information is obtained."

"Under the present system the immigration officers come as far as London in order that they may carry out their duties between the border and the city, and save the delay that they would otherwise experience. "They do not have to do this, but are doing it merely for the convenience of the passengers and the railroad. "As far as insulting people is concerned, there is no reason why they should."

Necessary Questions. "They have questions to ask that are necessary, and in some cases persons going through are only too ready to answer untruthfully. It is necessary to have the information, even if it is necessary to detain the passenger, and then comes the story of insult, when the passenger is really to blame for not giving the required information promptly, and saving any further trouble."

The matter was brought up in the Canadian House of Commons yesterday by Mr. J. E. Armstrong, of East Lambton.

ATE THIRTEEN PILLS

Little Owen Sound Babe Had a Narrow Escape.

Owen Sound, April 14.—Little Adelaide Richards' marvellous escape from death is the talk of the town. The little girl is 3 years old, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Richards, Tenth street. She got hold of a box of pills while playing and ate thirteen of them. The pills contained strychnine and belladonna. In a few minutes the child was attacked with convulsions, and was at her father's door when a doctor arrived. He administered antidotes, and with another doctor worked for ten hours to overcome the poison. It many hours before the girl was finally out of danger.

SUICIDE AT TORONTO.

Toronto, April 13.—Living dead in bed, with the room filled with gas from the jet, which was turned on full, and the door and window closed, James Fisher, a man of about 30 years of age, with whom the police have had frequent dealings, was found this afternoon at 256 Richmond street west, by his roommate, Thomas Fisher. It is thought that the death of Fisher was intentional on his own part, for he had been unwell for some time, being a habitual user of drugs.

ROBERT M'HENRY WAS TOLD TO LEAVE CITY

If He Remains in London He Will Be Sent to Central Prison.

Robert McHenry, a gent from nowhere in particular, who has been appearing regularly in the police court for several days, was told to get out of town this morning, and was warned that if he is found here tomorrow, work will be commenced at once. He will spend the summer in the Central Prison, McHenry promised to go, and in order that the police may be satisfied that he is outside of the city, an officer accompanied him to the city limits.

A citizen for allowing a dog to run at large without its muzzle paid \$2.

BIG CELEBRATION ON ST. GEORGE'S DAY

Englishmen of London Will Hold One in the City Hall.

Great preparations are on foot among the Englishmen of the city to hold a big celebration in the city hall on the evening of April 25 in honor of St. George's Day. On Sunday, April 24, a large number of the Englishmen will march in a body to St. Paul's Cathedral to attend a special service. On Monday evening, April 25, the man after tearing the hall, and the proceeds will be devoted to furnishing a cot in the new tuberculosis hospital. It will be known as the cot of the Sons of England and St. George's Society.

CRAZY STRANGER WRECKS KEYS

Tears Telegraph Instruments in a Wash Station to Pieces.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Niagara Falls, Ont., April 14.—An apparently crazy man entered the telegraph office at Marshville station on the Washash railway, about ten miles west of Welland this morning, at 7:30 o'clock, threw at the ticking telegraph instruments and pulled them off the table. The operator, afraid of the man, rushed from the office to get assistance. The man, after tearing the telegraph switchboard, which contained three wires, from its fastenings on the walls, putting all the wires out of business, and both semaphores at danger and decamped westward. The cable passing under the canal feeder, just west of Welland Junction, was found the other morning torn from its fastenings and broken. This is supposed to be the work of the same freak.

PRESIDENT HAYS BACK

Discussed Many Matters With G. T. R. Board of Management.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Montreal, Que., April 14.—Mr. C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Railway System, returned from a visit to England today. He stated that this was largely in the nature of a holiday, and he had no public announcements to make in connection with railway matters. It is understood, however, that Mr. Hays discussed with the board of management in London a variety of matters connected with the development of the company's business.

SPOTTED THE COMET.

Ottawa, April 13.—Observer R. M. Motherwell, of the Dominion observatory, located Haley's comet through a telescope at 4:20 o'clock this morning. The comet is still a very small object and will not be visible to the naked eye for a week or more. Reports to the contrary notwithstanding, its official position is given as 1 hour and 25 minutes above the sun and 10 degrees north.